

Liferay DB configuration using JNDI

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In this post I want to share liferay DB configuration using JNDI instead of portal-ext.properties.

For JDBC connection we use portal-ext.properties.

If your custom service builder portlet is pointing to another database then we can use JNDI to configure that database.

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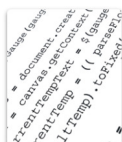


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So now here I am doing this using **JNDI configuration**.

Follow below steps:

1) We have to add DB properties in server.xml instead of portal-ext.properties

Here is an example:

```
<GlobalNamingResources>

<!-- Editable user database that can also be used by
      UserDatabaseRealm to authenticate users
-->
<Resource
    name="jdbc/CustomDBPoolShared"
    auth="Container"
    type="javax.sql.DataSource"
    factory="org.apache.tomcat.jdbc.pool.DataSourceFactory"
    driverClassName="oracle.jdbc.OracleDriver"
    url="jdbc:oracle:thin:@YOUR_SERVER:1521:YOUR_SERVICE"
    username="root"
    password="root"
    maxActive="20"
    maxIdle="5"
    maxWait="10000"
/>
.....
</GlobalNamingResources>
```

2) Create ResourceLink in context.xml.

```
<Context>

<!-- Default set of monitored resources -->
<WatchedResource>WEB-INF/web.xml</WatchedResource>

<!-- Uncomment this to disable session persistence across Tomcat restarts -->
<!--
```



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```
<!-- Uncomment this to enable Comet connection tacking (provides events
    on session expiration as well as webapp lifecycle) -->

<!--
<Valve className="org.apache.catalina.valves.CometConnectionManagerValve" /:
-->
<ResourceLink name="jdbc/CustomDBPoolShared" global="jdbc/CustomDBPoolShare
....
</Context>
```

3) Now change ext-spring.xml of your custom portlet.

```
<bean id="customDBDataSourceTarget" class="com.liferay.portal.spring.jndi.J
    <property name="jndiName">
        <value>java:/comp/env/jdbc/CustomDBPoolShared</value>
    </property>
</bean>
<bean id="customDBDataSource" class="org.springframework.jdbc.datasource.La
    <property name="targetDataSource">
        <ref bean="customDBDataSourceTarget" />
    </property>
</bean>
```

Thats IT!

So this way we can configure liferay database configuration using JNDI.

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Thanks for this post it is very clear how you achieve it. I know we have discussed this type of approach before but right now we are currently:



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2. in the ROOT.xml file we define the jndi like this:

```
<!--<Manager
className="com.liferay.support.tomcat.session.SessionLessManagerBase
/>-->
```

```
<Resource name="jdbc/LiferayPool"
auth="Container"
type="javax.sql.DataSource"
driverClassName="net.sourceforge.jtds.jdbc.Driver"
url="jdbc:jtds:sqlserver://cont90:1433/LR_CONT165_PROD_GA2_A"
username="liferaysqladmin"
password="L!fer@y5ql"
maxActive="500"
maxIdle="120" maxWait="20000"
removeAbandoned="true"
removeAbandonedTimeout="20"
logAbandoned="true"
maxPoolSize="100"
minPoolSize="10"
acquireIncrement="10"
validationQuery="SELECT 1"
minEvictableIdleTimeMillis="3600000"
timeBetweenEvictionRunsMillis="1800000"
numTestsPerEvictionRun="10"
testWhileIdle="true"
testOnBorrow="true"
testOnReturn="false"
/>
```

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Thanks.

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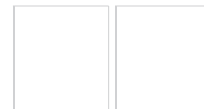
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configure each app server to use the same JNDI name, you can have different databases in each environment and not have to change your code. You just pick up the WAR file and drop it in the new environment.

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